

INTERIOR DESIGNERS GIVE THEIR TIPS FOR MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR WOOD BURNING STOVE

Choosing the right room can be the easy part but when it comes to styling the room around your Stovey, we thought we'd ask some experts. We found 9 interior designers, from around the world, and asked them to share their advice for making the most of a wood burning stove in the home.

Emma Rowbory & Alexandra Lesinska



Company: **Design Box London**

Bio: Meeting at Brahm Interiors in Knightsbridge, Alexandra and Emma have worked in the design industry for a combined 12 years. Design Box London was formed in 2010 and has grown into a highly reputed interior design studio specialising in private residence, luxury development and boutique commercial projects.

Advice: Far from only suiting rural properties with more rustic interiors, wood-burning stoves can be beautifully integrated into contemporary, luxury interiors to add a combined sense of homeliness and warmth. Centralising the stove on a wall that you can view upon entering the room will create the perfect focal point, whilst choosing a traditional and elegant fire surround can offset any rustic preconceptions of your stove. Combined with elegant joinery either side of your fireplace will create a balanced look and feel that allows the stove to integrate seamlessly amongst your room's other features.

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Yanic Simard



Company: **Toronto Interior Design Group**

Bio: Yanic Simard is the driving force behind the multi award winning boutique firm Toronto Interior Design Group (TIDG) he founded 15 years ago, and has made his mark in the design industry across Canada and internationally.

Advice: My award winning, boutique firm Toronto Interior Design Group (tidg.ca) designs a lot of eclectic spaces, so wood burning stoves are right up my alley. I particularly hold them close to my heart because I grew up in frigid Nordic Montreal (Canada) and we were avid users of them. We adore integrating them into our interiors as they add a hint of old world charm into today's modern technological world. I feel that a home is not really a home until you have a fireplace. I especially like them because they can fill a void corner, and act as a focal point, whether the space is small or vast.

Typically, I would recommend to put a wood stove on the main floor in a highly used space like in the living room, central to the home, where you spend ample time and can enjoy it most. You can position your furnishings around it to make sure it gets maximum attention and if it looks as beautiful as the Stovey stoves do (my favourite being the sleek and sophisticated Wood Burning Stove 5Kw Freestanding), why would you want it any other way?

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Mr Jason Grant



Company: **Mr Jason Grant**

Bio: Interior Stylist, Author & Creative Consultant

Advice: My best advise is to start, start small, create some momentum, if you really want to achieve something whether it be to decorate a room, start a project or become a stylist, its about beginning the journey, learn as much as you can, get in touch with those that you admire, do all you can to make your dreams a reality.

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Kelly Davies



Company: **Kelly Davies Interior Design Ltd**

Bio: Kelly is a graduate of KCL School of Design, she spends her time working as a freelance Interior Designer and Interior Design Tutor.

Advice: Think beyond installing a wood burning stove in a corner of a room. If space allows, make it a central feature in the middle of the space by selecting a freestanding stove in an interesting geometric shape or in a brightly coloured hue. I love the metallic trend so a copper stove placed in the centre of a room would look stunning with chairs arranged either side to frame it. Alternatively, with clever space planning use a freestanding stove to demarcate spaces in a large open plan area such as kitchen/dining room.

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Jessica Weeks- Head Interior Designer



Company: **Bow House Lifestyle**

Bio: Interior Designers with Home Lifestyle stores and showrooms.

Advice: Ensure you centralise the stove in a room and use either a fire surround or even a beam of some sort in order to boarder the stove. This will create a feature within the room.

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Joe Human



Company: **Designs by Human**

Bio: Joe Human is a New York based interior decorator and designer specializing in a wide range of high end home / apartment design projects.

Advice: Growing up we had a wood burning stove in our Living Room, lots of fond memories on cold, snowy Winter days in Idaho warming up next to it. I noticed it as a very practical and functional item of the home as we also used it for cooking. Aesthetically, it wasn't the prettiest, since then I have run across several stoves that I would like to feature in living rooms as they create great focal points in the space, different so than fireplaces. I feel there can be more of a unique look and edge to a wood stove rather than a fireplace.

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Steve Cordony



Company: **Steve Cordony**

Bio: Steve Cordony is an interior and event stylist based in Sydney, Australia.

Advice: Make the stove a feature as the focal point got your space. Rather than put the item in the corner make it the hero to create warmth in the home.

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Lynni Megginson



Company: **Lynni Megginson Designs**

Bio: Award winning luxury interior designer, author, foodie, dog lover.

Advice: As a designer, I'm always trying to find new ways to interpret great design and functionality. Our clients are always looking for something different, and I love the idea of mixing in a few retro components into lots of our projects. Wood burning stoves are just amazing and hit all the bells and whistles for me: style, beauty and of course adding function to the room! Wood stoves aren't just for log cabins anymore!!!

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